

COMMISSIONERS APPROVAL

CHILCOTT 

THOMPSON 

LYONS

PLETTENBERG (Clerk & Recorder)

Date.....March 20, 2007

Members Present.....Commissioner Alan
Thompson and Commissioner Howard Lyons

Minutes: Glenda Wiles

Commissioner Greg Chilcott was in Helena this date lobbying for legislative bills.

The Board met with John McGee of Florence Carlton School District. John relayed the reason for his visit was to discuss the necessity of allowing impact fees for school districts. In the 2007 legislature an impact fee bill was passed with the understanding that the legislature would not do anything else until 2009. Therefore the latest bill that was brought forward by Representative Ray Hawk was tabled and did not make it to the committee. John stated he understands impact fees are taxes but they are taxes on the individuals who create the need through subdivision and development. The Florence Carlton School District did a survey in 2003 and found that the residents feel 'growth needs to pay for its own way'. They have already received the results from the Tischler Bische Study which indicated a \$10,400 per lot impact fee is needed. He and others feel this fee might be too high and they do not want to divide the community so they are not able to have a reasonable discussion in order to come to an understanding on responsible costs.

John stated another bill is being proposed next Wednesday, March 28th in the Senate (Senate Bill 508) He also stated this bill would clean up the statute language and eliminate the problem for the district to be able to move forward on impact fees. This bill also gives local governments the power to allow these school districts to move forward on impact fees. He asked the Commissioners to review this bill and if they felt comfortable to write a letter of support which he will hand carry on the 28th to Helena.

Commissioner Thompson stated they will review this bill and at the very minimum they can address a letter of support to include schools in any legislation that affects impact fees.

In other business, Commissioner Lyons attended a JSEC meeting during the lunch hour.